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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSING ORGANIZATIONAL AND PERSONNEL DATA

Section : Chapter 83 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting the following new section:

Sec. 1607. Exemption from disclosing organizational and personnel data.

"Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the Defense Intelligence Agency shall not be required to disclose the organization or any function of the Defense Intelligence Agency or the names, official titles, occupational series, grades, salaries or numbers of personnel employed by such Agency.

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

Section would add a new section 1607 to chapter 83 to title 10, United States Code, to exempt the Defense Intelligence Agency from any requirement to disclose information on its organization, functions, or personnel. It would authorize DIA to establish a system similar to that already afforded by statute to CIA and NSA. The purpose of the section is to reduce the potential for compromise of sensitive information through general administrative reporting systems. There are numerous and detailed Executive branch personnel reporting requirements to which CIA and NSA are not required to respond. DIA, lacking similar statutory authority, is required to respond. However, the information requested is for the purposes of compiling and publishing various unclassified personnel reports. The personnel data required to be submitted by DIA is classified and the Executive branch personnel who would receive the classified data are not cleared to handle it. Furthermore, the computer systems into which the personnel data from throughout the government are compiled are not set up to handle classified information. The result has been a stalemate whereby DIA is technically required to submit personnel data which is classified but the receiving Executive branch offices cannot securely handle or use the information. DIA has therefore ceased to submit classified personnel data which leaves the Agency in a position of noncompliance. The proposed statutory exemption would resolve these stalemates and preclude similar situations in the future.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

Section ____: (a) Amends chapter 83 of title 10, United States Code, to add a new section 1607 as follows:

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(b) The table of contents for chapter 83 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

Sec. 1607. Exemption from disclosing organizational and personnel data

COST ANALYSIS

Sec. ____: Cost analysis not applicable.